EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

Park & Recreation Commission Meeting September 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe Zulli at 7:00 pm.

Commission members present were:

Christine Taraborelli

Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore

Betsy Williams

PJ Viloski

Daria Chapman

Ed Coyle

Others present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe asked for a moment of silence to remember our troops & veterans.

Joe asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Joe noted that the minutes of the August 8, 2015 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Joe thanked Jason for all he did this summer.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Community Day Review Community Day, held on Saturday August 29, 2015, was very well attended. Jason is waiting for the estimated number from the police department. There were 50-60 volunteers. Jason sent out a survey. So far 70 people have responded with 95% selecting excellent or very good. 75% want Community Day in August rather that June because the fireworks start at 8 pm instead of 9 pm or later. Food trucks were discussed and suggestion made to have a drink stand. The 501c3 raised \$32,000 for the event.
- 2. October 17, 2015 Pumpkin Festival from 10-11 am. Also this year from 8-12am will be the 1^{st} Annual Pumpkin Bowl to benefit PA Wounded Warriors. Jason needs volunteers and referees. He has contacted ACAC, WEGO, YMCA & Goshen Fire Co for possible teams.
- 3. Tree Placement The Park Commission will be receiving 21 trees from a developer who had to remove trees. The Commission agreed with Jason's plan to place them in Applebrook Park.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. East Goshen Park Master Plan The Board of Supervisors selected Tom Committa as consultant for this plan. The committee consists of the Park & Rec Commission members, Jason, Carmen Battavio and Public Works. Tom suggested the 3rd Thursdays (9/17, 10/15, 11/19 & 12/17) as possible meeting dates. Joe feels kids can give good ideas. PJ suggested a presentation at East Goshen Elementary school. The Commission agreed that, if any of the current items in the park can be recycled, they should be.
- 2. Open Space & Rec Plan Joe reported that the final draft is going through the approval process and is on the Township website.
- 3. Paoli Pike Trail They had their 2nd meeting the end of August. This is for a feasibility study. If it is approved, then engineering plans, grants, permits, etc. will start. There will be an open house for the public at 6:30 pm before the BOS meeting.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Jason provided an End of the Summer Report covering January to August 2015.

A Summary: the Summer Camp attendance was up 9% from 2014. The 2 weeks of full day camp was up 20% from 2014. Permits for the ball fields were up 21.8% from 2014 with Lacrosse making up the bulk of the increase. The Entrepreneurial Academy had 2 new corporate partners – CTDI & Tecniplast. The Commission discussed the big events. Jason has had no complaints about them. He has received requests to make the Full Day Camp longer. He pointed out that the timing of the Township Newsletter is not the best for Park & Rec Programs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Joe moved to adjourn the meeting. PJ seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer Recording Secretary